

**Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program   (STEP)**

**NSF 08-569**

**Program Summary: Full details at:** <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2008/nsf08569/nsf08569.htm>

* **Preliminary Proposal Deadline** August 17, 2010
* **Full Proposal Deadline** September 28, 2010

**Synopsis of Program:**

The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program (STEP) seeks to increase the number of students (U.S. citizens or permanent residents) receiving associate or baccalaureate degrees in established or emerging fields within science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Type 1 proposals are solicited that provide for full implementation efforts at academic institutions. Type 2 proposals are solicited that support educational research projects on associate or baccalaureate degree attainment in STEM.

**Organization Limit:**Proposals may only be submitted by the following:

* Type 1 proposals are invited from academic institutions in the United States and its territories, from consortia thereof, or from nonprofit organizations that have established consortia among such academic institutions. The academic institutions must offer either associate degrees or baccalaureate degrees in science, technology, engineering and/or mathematics (STEM). Associate degree-granting institutions with a demonstrated record of articulation to STEM baccalaureate programs need not necessarily grant associate degrees in STEM fields in order to be eligible for this program.

Projects may involve a single institution, collaboration with business and industrial partners, or collaboration among several institutions. For example, projects may include collaborative efforts that improve the transition of students among the collaborating institutions, such as transfer between two- and four-year institutions.

Type 2 proposals are invited from any individual or organization eligible to submit proposals to the NSF.

**Limit on Number of Proposals per Organization:**

An institution that awards baccalaureate degrees is allowed to submit only one Type 1 proposal, or to be part of only one consortium submitting a Type 1 proposal.  An institution that awards associate degrees, and does not award baccalaureate degrees, is allowed to be the lead institution on only one Type 1 proposal, and, in addition, may be a partner on one or more Type 1 proposals.

**Estimated Number of Awards: 15 to  20   Type 1 awards and 1-3 Type 2 awards per year**

**Anticipated Funding Amount:**    $26,000,000